IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 3 to 5, 7, 9 to 11 and 13 to 18 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A print control method of combining stored print jobs, comprising ~~the step of~~:

a layout instructing step of allowing a user to instruct plural print jobs to use a common layout when the plural print jobs are combined;

a combine method designating step of allowing a user to designate a combine method from a plurality of combine methods for indicating how to lay out each page of the plural print jobs to be combined on plural sheets when it is instructed in said layout instructing step that the common layout is used by the plural print jobs and double-sided printing is designated;

~~determining a combine method of designated pages;~~ and

a layout step of successively laying out a last page of a leading print job and a first page of a trailing print job without a gap when a first method ~~"Same side on"~~ is designated as the combine method, laying out the first page of the trailing print job on a surface next to a surface on which the last page of the leading print job is laid out when a second method ~~"Other side on"~~ is designated as the combine method, and laying out the first page of the trailing print job on a sheet next to a sheet on which the last page of the leading print job is laid out when a third method ~~"new sheet"~~ is designated as the combine method.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising a step of displaying an input window used to designate the combine method.

3. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein when a one-sided print process is designated, the surface next to the surface on which the last page of the leading print job is laid out is a sheet next to a sheet on which the last page of the leading print job is laid out.

4. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising a step of making display means display a preview image of the print jobs [[job]] in a layout corresponding to the designated combine method.

5. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising a step of making a marking ~~print~~ engine mark in an image in accordance with ~~print~~ the print jobs [[job]] in a layout corresponding to the designated combine method.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising a storing step of storing print data in units of print jobs.

7. (Currently amended) A print control apparatus for combining stored print jobs, comprising:

~~a determination unit, arranged to determine a combine method of designated pages;~~

a layout instruction unit, adapted to allow a user to instruct plural print jobs to use a common layout when the plural print jobs are combined;

a combine method designating unit, adapted to allow a user to designate a combine method from a plurality of combine methods for indicating how to lay out each page of the plural print jobs to be combined on plural sheets when it is instructed in said layout instructing step that the common layout is used by the plural print jobs and double-sided printing is designated; and

a layout [[an]] editor, adapted ~~arranged~~ to successively lay out a last page of a leading print job and a first page of a trailing print job without a gap when a first method ~~"Same side on"~~ is designated as the combine method, laying out the first page of the trailing print job on a surface next to a surface on which the last page of the leading print job is laid out when a second method ~~"Other side on"~~ is designated as the combine method, and laying out the first page of the trailing print job on a sheet next to a sheet on which the last page of the leading print job is laid out when a third method ~~"new sheet"~~ is designated as the combine method.

8. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising a display that displays an input window used to designate the combine method.

9. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein when a one-sided print process is designated, the surface next to the surface on which the last page of the leading print job is laid out is a sheet next to a sheet on which the last page of the leading print job is laid out.

10. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising a previewer, adapted ~~arranged~~ to make said display unit display a preview image of the print jobs [[job]] in a layout corresponding to the designated combine method.

11. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising a printer driver for making a marking ~~print~~ engine mark in an image in accordance with the print jobs [[job]] in a layout corresponding to the designated combine method.

12. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising a storage for storing print data in units of print jobs.

13. (Currently amended) A computer readable storage medium that stores a computer program for combining stored print jobs, said program including:

~~a program code for determining a combine method of designated pages;~~

a layout instructing procedure code for allowing a user to instruct plural print jobs to use a common layout when the plural print jobs are combined;

a combine method designating procedure code for allowing a user to designate a combine method from at least three combine methods for indicating how to lay out each page of the plural print jobs to be combined on plural sheets when it is instructed in said layout instructing step that the common layout is used by the plural print jobs and double-sided printing is designated; and

a layout procedure ~~program~~ code for successively laying out a last page of a leading print job and a first page of a trailing print job without a gap when a first method ~~"Same~~

~~side on~~" is designated as the combine method, laying out the first page of the trailing print job on a surface next to a surface on which the last page of the leading print job is laid out when a second method "~~Other side on~~" is designated as the combine method, and laying out the first page of the trailing print job on a sheet next to a sheet on which the last page of the leading print job is laid out when a third method "~~new sheet~~" is designated as the combine method.

14. (Currently amended) The medium according to claim 13, wherein said computer program further includes a procedure ~~program~~ code for displaying an input window used to designate the combine method.

15. (Currently amended) The medium according to claim 13, wherein when a one-sided print process is designated, the surface next to the surface on which the last page of the leading print job is laid out is a sheet next to a sheet on which the last page of the leading print job is laid out.

16. (Currently amended) The medium according to claim 13, wherein said computer program further includes a procedure ~~program~~ code for making display means display a preview image of the print jobs [[job]] in a layout corresponding to the designated combine method.

17. (Currently amended) The medium according to claim 13, wherein said computer program further includes a procedure ~~program~~ code for making a marking ~~print~~ engine

mark in an image in accordance with the print jobs [[job]] in a layout corresponding to the designated combine method.

18. (Currently amended) The medium according to claim 13, wherein said computer program further includes a procedure ~~program~~ code for storing print data in units of print jobs.